OSMUNDA ſpicant.

Lin. Sp. Pl. 1522. *Ray Syn.* 118. *Flo. Scot.* 654. *Flo. Ang.* 450. *Ger. Em.* 1140. *Park.* 1042.

TAB. VI.

ROUGH SPLEENWORT.

THE root is of an irregular figure, hard and firm, covered with black ſcales, and furniſhed with many black fibres; when old they become large by reaſon of the ſtumps of many decayed leaves which abide upon them.

The barren leaves which riſe from the circumferent part of the root are ſimply pinnate, lance-ſhaped, terminating in a point both below and above, from five to twelve inches high; the rib brown and gloſſy near the root, green above; whole leaf of a bright green colour.

Lobes of the barren leaves, from fifteen to thirty, lance-ſhaped, oppoſite or alternate, curved gently upwards, parallel, firſt pairs very ſhort, confluent, and decurrent at their baſe, gradually lengthening to the middle, and thence growing ſhorter to the top, where they are narrow, cloſe, and diſtinct.

Fertile